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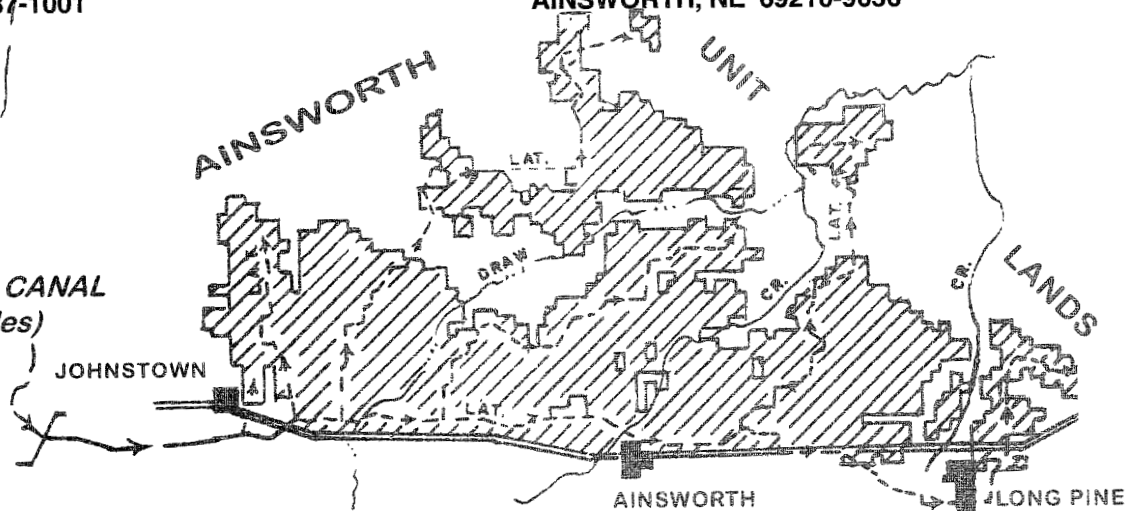
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MERRITT DAM  
AND RESERV.

AINSWORTH CANAL  
(52.8 miles)

September 9, 2003



Attention Docket ID No. OW-2003-0063  
Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency  
Mail Code 4101T.  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.  
Washington, DC 20460

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments on your July 11, 2003 memorandum, issued as an interim statement and guidance, an interpretation of the Clean Water Act.

We agree with your interpretation that pesticide regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and are discharged to waters of the United States, do not and should not require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit under the Clean Water Act.

Every water-user in the U.S.A., who uses pesticide to control vegetation in their water ways so they can deliver water, owe your agency a big thanks, for your efforts to resolve this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haylin D. Welch'.

Haylin D. Welch  
Manager  
Ainsworth Irrigation District

cc. Dave Blodget, Division Manager-Baker Petrolite, P.O. Box 11192, Bakersfield, CA. 93389